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SUBJECT: OV-10 AIRCRAFT FOR INDONESIA

1. REPRESENTATIVE NORTH AMERICAN ROCKWELL, BILL LEWIS, CALLED ON DEPTOFFS AUGUST 28 TO DISCUSS NORTH AMERICAN REQUEST SHOW OV-10 AIRCRAFT IN INDONESIA TOWARD END SEPTEMBER. ACCORDING LEWIS, HANKAM INTERESTED IN BUYING 16 TO 18 OF THIS STOL AIRCRAFT AT ABOUT ONE MILLION DOLLARS PER COPY, AND GOI HAS ASSIGNED "TOP PRIORITY" TO PURCHASE. NORTH AMERICAN WELL AWARE THAT NO RPT NO MAP OR FMS FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR SUCH PURCHASE BUT LEWIS SAID HE HAS BEEN ASSURED THAT PERTAMINA CONNECTION COULD READILY RAISE NECESSARY FUNDS FROM EUROPEAN SOURCES.

2. DEPTOFFS NOTED THAT WE UNAWARE OF ANY GOI INTEREST IN OV-10. DEPTOFFS FURTHER POINTED OUT PAST GOI DIFFICULTIES WITH MEDIUM TERM BORROWING, STRESSED OUR CONCERN THAT GOI MAINTAIN FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY AND CONTINUE POLICY OF GIVING DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FIRST CALL ON ALL AVAILABLE RESOURCES. DEPTOFFS SAID WE WOULD BE MOST RELUCTANT AGREE TO MOVE WHICH MIGHT SERVE ONLY TO WHET MILITARY APPETITES
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FOR HARDWARE GOI CAN ILL AFFORD NOW. WE COULD APPROVE

IN COUNTRY SHOWING OV-10 ONLY IF IT IS CLEAR THERE IS
GENUINE INTEREST IN SUCH PURCHASE AT TOP LEVELS HANKAM AND
GOI.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY COMMENT ON EXTENT OF GOI
INTEREST IN OV-10. ALSO REQUEST EMBASSY ASSESSMENT OF
IMPACT SUCH SALE MIGHT HAVE ON GOI FISCAL POLICIES,
ESPECIALLY IN REGARD TO COMPETING PRESSURES FOR FOREIGN
BORROWINGS FOR OTHER MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND FOR PERTAMINA.
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